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6. A component according to claim 1, wherein the indicator material is a phosphor material.

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- 7. A component according to claim 1, wherein the indicator material comprises a rare earth dopant.
- 9. A component according to claim 1, wherein the indicator material comprises a compositionally-graded structure, a composite structure, or a multi-phase structure.
- 10. A component according to claim 1, wherein the thermal barrier coating comprises a layered structure of indicator materials having different respective emission spectra.
- 11. A component according to claim 1, wherein the thermal barrier coating comprises a layered structure of an outermost, substantially transparent region and a region including an indicator material optically interrogatable through the substantially transparent region.
- 12. A component according to claim 1, wherein the component is a component of a combustion engine.

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19. A machine according to claim 17, wherein the machine is a combustion engine.